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"Y" Director Leaves Welland For Post In Niagara Falls

The motivating force, behind YM-YWCA expansion Miss Elizabeth Pitt, executive director of Welland "Y" submitted her retirement after helping insuring the city of a modern building to house the Association.

During the four years that Miss Pitt has made her home here, the Youth organization has expanded from a store front with only a ping-pong table to the present availability of funds for a modern building housing a swimming pool, lounge kitchen and gymnasium.

She has successfully organized programs for all ages from physical education, her pet interest, to fencing and social groups. To herself, the primary achievement was the development of leadership in the youth of the community.

Being her second retirement, Miss Pitt admits she is a rebel "when it comes to studies in old age". In explanation she stated: "I don't believe in the segregation of older citizens". In regard to herself: "Some of my teenagers are as old as I".

Miss Pitt has already accepted the position of executive director of the YM-YWCA in Niagara Falls. She philosophized on the new "challenge", "as long as a person is able to accept and enjoy work, he should prevent retirement as long as possible".

A woman with a multitude of active interests, she enjoys painting with oils, belongs to the Toronto Archery Club, and Sword Club and occasionally goes on canoe and camping trips. She is also an avid traveller, having seen much of the world.

Unlike many, she "loves the boats", which remind her of her home town of Collingwood and plans to reside in Welland while employed in Niagara Falls. She expressed surprise, upon arrival here four years ago, when warned she would not find people friendly, but stated the warning has no grounds.

Previous to her appointment in Welland, Miss Pitt taught at Havergal College, Toronto, and Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia and was a former executive director of the Oshawa YWCA.

She praised the boards, committees and staff that have labored with her through campaigns, and ideas for expansion and improvement.

Succeeding her to help build the "Y" centre that she envisioned is William Courtney, an experienced director from Cornwall "Y" who was in a similar position in London during their building.



MISS BETH PITTS

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SUNNY

Mainly sunny and warm on Tues. Winds west, at 15. Low forecast tonight, 50; with a high of 75 row. Sun rises at 5:35 a.m. and at 8:59 p.m.



TURN SOD FOR YM-YWCA BUILDING

William Sutherland, chairman of the building committee for the new YM-YWCA building, had two helpers when he turned the sod at the building site,

yesterday. They represented all of the girls and boys who benefit from the Y. On the left is Lorraine Beauparlant

and on the right, Richard Gantton, while members of the building committee observe from behind. — Tribune photo.

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Front View of New Y.W.C.A:



The main entrance of the new Y.W.C.A. or Adelaide House, faces Centre Street and is reached by a winding driveway flanked by trees and shrubs. Approaching the house, one can't help being impressed by the dignity of the fine doorway. This property, the handsome gift of Col. and Mrs. R. S. McLaughlin, will, it is hoped, become a valuable centre of activity for young women of Oshawa and their friends.

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Team Effort Turns Deficit Into Surplus At Town's YMCA

The operation of the Collingwood District YMCA is "a team effort, and continues to be a team effort," according to retiring president Tim Sandell.

In his report to the 25 members attending the YMCA's annual meeting at the Family 'Y' building on Hume Street, Collingwood, Thursday night, Mr. Sandell said the past year has seen the construction and opening of a new facility which has already registered 1,341 members.

"We are averaging 6,500 user days per month," he said.

"This year's board will "face many challenges" to meet the demands of its patrons and "to ensure future policy and direction remains vital and relevant to the people needs within the spirit of the YMCA", said Mr. Sandell.

"Our programming includes babies, seniors, adults, youths and special-

needs persons," he noted.

"I'm sure many challenges lie ahead, but, today I can say on behalf of the volunteers and staff, the work has been well done in every way", concluded Mr. Sandell.

Speaking after the meeting, the retiring YMCA president said the \$13,369 deficit reported by treasurer Tom Kaufman has now been translated into a surplus.

Because the YMCA's fiscal year ended August 31, very little of the revenue from the membership fees was included in calculating the income for the year, he said.

"It's really remarkable the number of members we have," said Mr. Sandell, adding some Toronto residents have taken memberships, even though they only visit Collingwood on weekends.

He said initial calculations had indicated the YMCA would need to have

Praise For YMCA Comes From Senior

An 84-year-old member of the Collingwood District YMCA had words of praise for the Family 'Y', Thursday night, and also made an observation about old age and fitness.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the YMCA, at the facility on Hume Street, Collingwood, Charlie Edwards said the 'Y' board should be commended for granting a reduced membership fee for senior citizens.

"The building, equipment and pro-

grams are a living memorial to the late Dr. Donald McKay (to whom the building is dedicated) and those others who promoted this project. You truly have a Family 'Y', " he said, prompting applause from the 25 members present.

Mr. Edwards pointed out the fitter senior citizens become, the less taxpayers' money is needed (to meet their Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) bills .

between 1,200 and 1,500 members to be "operationally viable".

This year's budget had contained an expected \$1,000 per month payment from the town, said Mr. Sandell when questioned.

There had been "an understanding" with the previous council and, as a result "we budgeted for certain expenses which will not (now) be covered by the anticipated income from the town," he said.

A motion committing the town to a monthly operating grant of \$1,000 per month was recently rejected by the town's community development committee.

Merrifield Heads YMCA's Executive

Tom Merrifield is the new president of the Collingwood District YMCA.

At a board meeting held following the YMCA's annual meeting, Thursday night, Mr. Merrifield was elected to the position, replacing Tim Sandell, who serves as past-president.

The vice-president is David Capin, while Tom Kaufman serves as secretary/treasurer.

During the annual meeting, a bylaw was passed increasing the number on the board of directors to 18. The new board members are Kim Tranter, Sadie Nixon, Fred Sproule, Jack Kinch, Bob Gallacher and Tom Dohrner.

They will share the table with the executive and existing board members Sam Fuller, Katherine Huycke, Ted Dewar, Jack Poste, John Pretty, Sue Nickel, Pat Miscampbell and Ruth Timpson.

YMCA Spends More Than It Collects

The Collingwood District YMCA incurred \$110,812 in expenses during the fiscal year ended August 31, 1985. Revenues totalled \$90,895.

At the annual meeting of the YMCA, held at the Family 'Y', Hume Street, Collingwood, Thursday night, treasurer Tom Kaufman said the surplus brought forward from 1984 resulted in an annual deficit of \$13,369.

Among the expenses were \$53,405 for wages and benefits and \$18,393 for program instruction fees.

The remaining bank loan of \$950,000 should be repaid within three years if donation commitments are collected in full, said retiring YMCA president Tim Sandell.

YMCA's 1988

It was a 'super year'

WELLAND (Staff) — 1988 was a "super year" for the Welland YMCA, its volunteers and staff were told last night.

Revenues were up, liabilities were down and membership was at a five-year high, Brad Clements, executive director, said during the Y's 35th annual meeting and leaders recognition night.

And 1989 should prove even better.

But Clements said things weren't always so rosy.

The 'Y' faced tough economic challenges in the early and mid-1980s when plant layoffs were numerous and membership money scarce.

"We had some pretty tough years when we had deficits as high as

\$15,000 one year," Clements said.

"But we have now been able to whittle them down and as of 1989 we are starting out with a \$1 surplus."

President Don Austin said the YMCA's most rewarding accomplishment last year was the elimination of its operation deficit "that has been plaguing us since 1986."

A large part of the influx of income is derived from art auctions and bingos, he said.

Austin attributed both accomplishments to a "culmination of hard work from staff and volunteers of the 'Y' organization."

More than 100 volunteers from all walks of life received certificates from 'Y' executive members for their dedicated service.

"The 'Y' could not operate without the support of the volunteers," Clements said. "It's as much enjoyment for them to see us doing well as it is for us.

"Many of them were with us during the tough times and they helped by making a tremendous effort to get us through so that now that things are turned around and times are a little better, we're able to enjoy them."

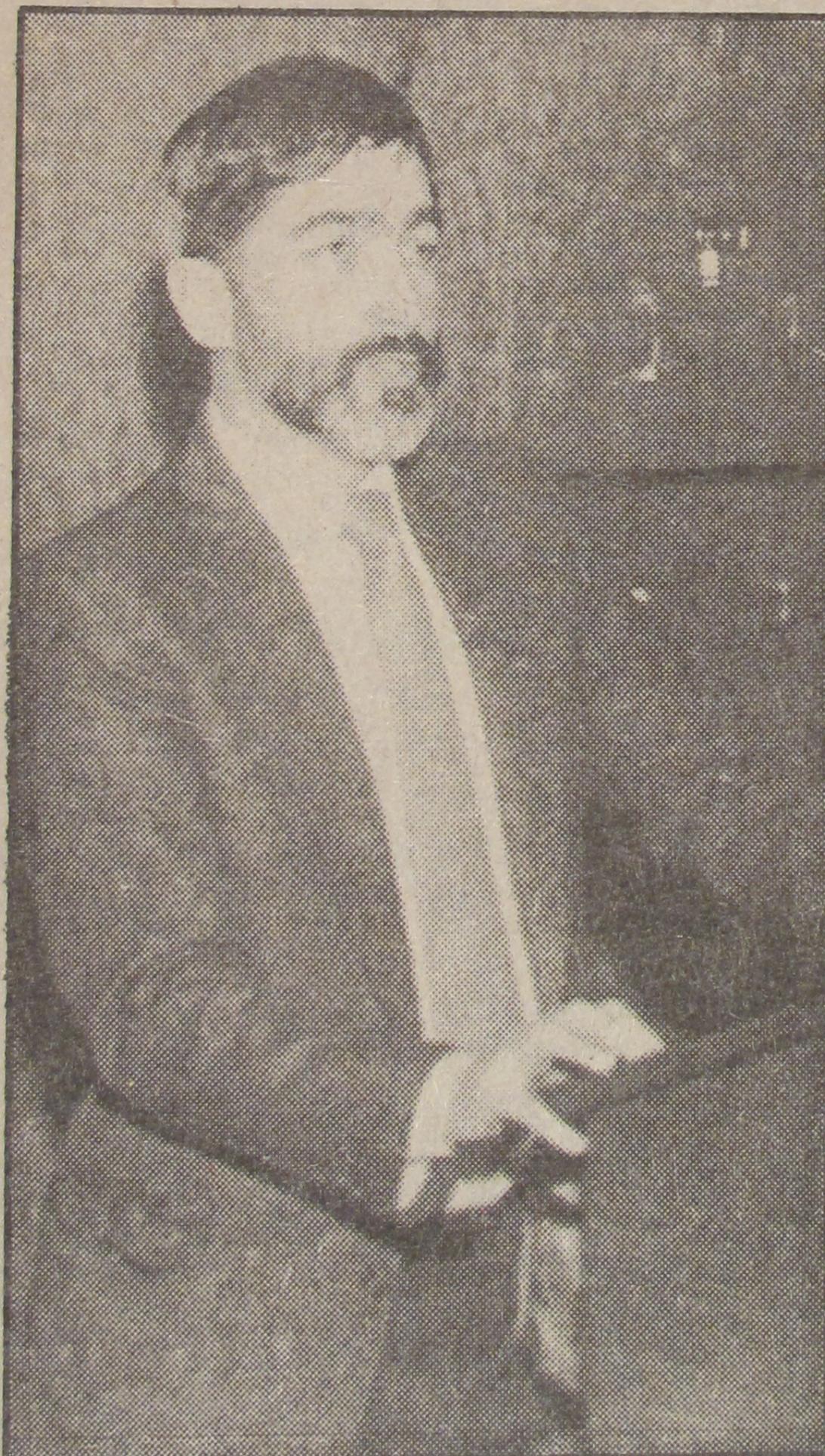
The 'Y' has only two full-time employees and must depend on part-time workers and a team of active volunteers.

The YMCA executive will approach 1989 with caution, Clements said. The major emphasis will be placed on plans to upgrade the 18-year-old building and implement a customer-service strategy.

"We really need one big spruce up . . . to bring us into the 1990s," he said.

A 'Y' task force has been formed to identify community concerns and gather data for a five-year strategic plan.

"1989 is going to make us feel good about ourselves," Clements said.



Clements



75th ANNIVERSARY

The YWCA on Culp Street recently celebrated its 75th anniversary with an open house. Shown here in attendance were Sheena Harris, vice president, Barbara Morellato, president, MP

Rob Nicholson and former executive director Bess Barron. The Y was the recipient of the 75th anniversary special certificate. (Review photo)

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